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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

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1. I HAVE INFORMED GOU AT VARIOUS LEVELS THAT WE WOULD BE SUBMITTING ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS AS REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS WELL.

2. IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOU OFFICIALS, I HAVE DELIBERATELY NOT HIGHLIGHTED THIS ISSUE TO AVOID NEEDLESSLY PROVOKING THE SAME KIND OF NATIONALISTIC KNEE-JERK REACTION IT RECEIVED LAST YEAR, AND WHICH THE GOU MOST RECENTLY EXHIBITED IN RESPONSE TO THE EC DEMARCHE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. I HAVE PLAYED THE ANNUAL REPORT AS A NORMAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORTING FUNCTION TO THE CONGRESS, WHICH IT IS, AND SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT DO LIKEWISE. TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS LINE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY. WE SHOULD RESPOND, IF THE GOU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUESTS A COPY, THAT THE REPORT IS A REQUIREMENT MADE OF THE EXECUTIVE BY THE CONGRESS; AN INTERNAL GOVERNMENTAL VEHICLE. I SEE NO NEED OFFICIALLY TO PROVIDE COPIES TO THE GOU WHEN WE KNOW IT WILL GIVE THOSE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN FEEDING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE USG (I.S., THE EXTREME RIGHT FACTION IN THE GOU) FURTHER AMMUNITION. I REALIZE THAT THE URUGUAY-

AN EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN A COPY OF THE REPORT IF AND WHEN IT IS PUBLICLY RELEASED BY THE CONGRESS. BUT, IN THE CASE OF URUGUAY, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE GOU SHOULD BE MADE TO VIEW THE REPORT IN THE CONTEXT OF A PUBLIC RELEASE OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF THE FINAL TEXT BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. PEZZULLO

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